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REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending. Claim 36 had previously been withdrawn from consideration in response an earlier restriction requirement. Further restriction has been required between a first group of claims that includes claims 1-30 (Group I), and a second group of claims that includes claims 31-34 (Group II).

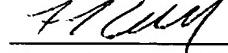
In the event the claims of Group I are elected, election is required between a first species drawn to the embodiment of Figures 2A-2D (Species 1); a second species drawn to the embodiment of Figures 3A-3B (Species 2); and a third species drawn to the embodiment of Figures 4A-4B (Species 3).

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-30) for further prosecution on the merits at this time, without traverse. Applicants also elect the species drawn to the embodiment of Figures 2A-2D (Species 1). Applicants understand that prosecution on the merits will be restricted to the claims that read upon Species 1, if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 1-3, 6-20, and 23-30 read on Species 1.

Claim 28 has been amended in this reply to correct a minor typographical error.

A notice of allowability is respectfully requested in this case.

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